

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention has as its object to perform the recycling of metal materials by efficiently recovering the metal materials from component materials of a process cartridge. To achieve this object, there is provided a method of recycling a process cartridge containing a toner, wherein in a crushing process of a process cartridge containing a recovered toner, a container shape of the process cartridge is subjected to disassembly treatment to an extent of main component parts, the toner is recovered by suction in a step of disassembly treatment, metal materials, such as ferrous materials and aluminum materials, in component materials of the process cartridge are subjected to separation treatment after the step of disassembly treatment, and each of the materials is subjected to melting treatment thereby to change the materials into forms capable of reuse as ferrous materials and aluminum materials.